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Passport Office suggested records of Passport Office, United States Department of State in Chicago be checked for current information. Possibility exists information may not have been transmitted to Passport Office, Washington, D.C.

[REDACTED] Passport Office, United States Department of State, 219 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA [REDACTED] on September 12, 1966, that passport number [REDACTED] was issued and picked up at Chicago, Illinois, on July 13, 1966, by one EARNEST THOMAS. No address was listed by THOMAS. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] said THOMAS' passport file had been forwarded to the Department of State, Washington, D.C.

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On September 26, 1966, [REDACTED] Jonesboro, Louisiana, advised that EARNEST THOMAS was observed in Jonesboro, September 25, 1966. [REDACTED] advised that he did not know the exact date of THOMAS' arrival at Jonesboro.

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As of October 7, 1966, the Passport Office
has not been able to locate a record reflecting
issuance of a passport to ERNEST THOMAS.

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12 ACTIVITIES OF KNOWN OR ALLEGED CHAPTERS
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15 BOGALUSA, LOUISIANA CHAPTER

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19 [REDACTED] Bogalusa, Louisiana,
20 Chapter [REDACTED]
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22 [REDACTED] advised that on Sunday July 24,
23 1966, a meeting of the Bogalusa Chapter of the DDJ was
24 held and new officers were elected.
25 [REDACTED]
26 [REDACTED]
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29 [REDACTED] further advised that the reason an
30 election was held was because the majority of the Deacon
31 membership felt that the policies of former President
32 CHARLES SIMS were not satisfactory and did not bring
33 about the desired results. He stated that the Deacons
34 major objection was that although CHARLES SIMS gave
35 people the impression that he was a militant individual,
36 the membership was dissatisfied with the fact that
37 CHARLES SIMS never backed up his threats with actions.
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39 [REDACTED] added that at the meeting it was
40 decided that hence forth any anti-Negro actions by whites
41 in the Bogalusa and Franklinton, Louisiana, areas will
42 be countered with militant actions. He explained that
43 by this he meant that the Deacons will now react violently
44 if necessary.
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46 Regarding activities that the Deacons will
47 participate in, [REDACTED] stated that the Deacons will now
48 begin taking active part in picketing and testing.
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15 [REDACTED] stated that additional marches
16 are being planned at this time, and that included a
17 possible march to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and an
18 additional march to Franklinton, Louisiana. He was
19 unable to state specifically what their grievances
20 were but added that it is just a culmination of general
21 mistreatment of Negroes. No dates have been set for
22 above-planned marches.
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25 BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER
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27 [REDACTED]
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29 [REDACTED]
30 CHARLES SIMS, President, Deacons of Defense and Justice,
31 left Bogalusa, Louisiana, on July 4, 1966, en route to
32 Boston, Massachusetts. SIMS accompanied by (first name
33 unknown) [REDACTED]
34 [REDACTED]
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36 [REDACTED] purpose of trip is to
37 assist local Boston Chapter of Deacons in reinforcing
38 the organization.
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40 SIMS' specific plans are unknown [REDACTED]
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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, CHAPTER 80

On Friday night, July 29, 1966, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING spoke at a civil rights meeting near 71st and South Halsted, Chicago. Approximately 40 Negro males, who indicated they were members of the DDJ, stayed outside and were in the area to reportedly protect the person of Dr. KING and other civil rights leaders. They reportedly carried firearms.

On the same night, July 29, 1966, STOKELY CARMICHAEL, head of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), spoke to a group of the Packinghouse labor union on the south side of Chicago. Approximately 40 alleged members of the DDJ were also in this area to provide protection. They were also reportedly armed. The Deacons do not take an active part as such at meetings but are merely in the area to provide protection.

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The DDJ at Chicago has no arms arsenal and what weapons are available are owned personally by individual members.

True members of the DDJ are issued membership cards. Members are being recruited at Chicago at \$25 per head.

The membership of the DDJ at Chicago is not known. However, active membership or indicated active membership can be estimated at around 80 Negro males.

The DDJ did not participate as an organization in the ill-fated civil rights demonstration for open occupancy in the Gage Park--Marquette Park area of Chicago on July 31, 1966, in which racial violence broke out. One or two DDJ members were observed in the area of the demonstration but they were there as individuals.

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[REDACTED] advised that the local chapter of the DDJ plan a march at 3:00 p.m., August 21, 1966, in the Gage Park area for their march. [REDACTED] would not furnish [REDACTED] with information as to where the group intended to park their vehicles or the line of march. [REDACTED] did state the group plans to march North from 59th and Western to 55th Street, but he would furnish no additional details and was very vague.

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On August 21, 1966, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], both advised that the scheduled DDJ march into the Gage Park area had been cancelled, and that the group had pulled out of their anticipated march.

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MINDEN, LOUISIANA, CHAPTER

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There was no violence discussed and the meeting was just a discussion of the racial situation at Minden. The Deacons do not want any firearms and there is no reason to think there will be any trouble at Minden, Louisiana.

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18 There was no talk of any violence and
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33 The Deacons in Minden, still do not own any
34 weapons and no violence of any kind was discussed or is
35 expected.
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42 still has not purchased any weapons and no violence is
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CLEVELAND, OHIO, CHAPTER 0

On June 20, 1966, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] has no information indicating that the DDJ is either functioning or holding regular meetings in Cleveland, Ohio.

[REDACTED] that he (c) had no knowledge of DDJ meetings in Cleveland, Ohio.

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that no article appeared in either the September 22, 1966, issue of "The Voice" or the September 22, 1966, issue of "The Light House," and that indications are that neither of these newspapers wanted to risk printing such an article concerning the Deacons, who are regarded as a militant group among the Negro organizations. [REDACTED] was unable to find any evidence that the Deacons are currently organized in San Diego at this time.

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DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.

On June 16, 1966, a confidential source advised that The Deacons of Defense and Justice (DDJ) is an organization set up in Jonesboro, Louisiana, during late 1964. It was incorporated in the State of Louisiana in March of 1965. The purpose of the organization was to provide protection for the Negro people of Jonesboro, and particularly those people participating in civil rights activities in Jonesboro. The original idea for forming this organization was developed when it was believed that some of the members of the Jonesboro police force were members of the Klan in that area and it was felt that these police officers could not be relied upon to provide the necessary protection for the Negro citizens of the community. At that time the DDJ was formed and incorporated.

The DDJ is incorporated in the State of Louisiana only, and had not filed papers to do business in any other state.

ERNEST THOMAS has been traveling around the United States calling himself the Regional Vice-President and Northern Director of the DDJ. He has claimed to have set up DDJ chapters in several cities in the United States and has supposedly set these chapters up on a militant basis. These efforts on the part of ERNEST THOMAS are reportedly entirely on his own and are not supported or condoned by the DDJ of Jonesboro. It is believed that ERNEST THOMAS has adopted his title because of his former position in the DDJ in Jonesboro, but that all of his activities are strictly on his own behalf. The DDJ headquarters in Jonesboro has reportedly never received any requests for charters from anywhere outside of the State of Louisiana and they could not issue charters outside of the state if they were so requested.

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SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY -
NEW YORK LOCAL

A source stated on August 25, 1960, that the New York Local (NYL) of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) was founded during 1938 in New York City.

A second confidential source stated on April 8, 1964, that the NYL was affiliated with and followed the aims and purposes of the National SWP.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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NATION OF ISLAM

In January, 1957, a source advised that Elijah Muhammad has described his organization on a nationwide basis as the "Nation of Islam" and "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

On April 29, 1966, a second source advised that, Elijah Muhammad is the national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI); Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the national headquarters of the NOI; and in mid-1960, Muhammad and other NOI officials, when referring to Muhammad's organization on a nationwide basis, commenced using either "Mosque" or "Temple" when mentioning one of "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

The NOI is an all-Negro organization which was originally organized in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. Muhammad claims to have been selected by Allah, the Supreme Being, to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation in the United States. Members following Muhammad's teachings and his interpretation of the "Koran" believe there is no such thing as a Negro; that the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "white devils," in the United States; and that the white race, because of its exploitation of the so-called Negroes, must and will be destroyed in the approaching "War of Armageddon."

In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including Muhammad, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

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NATION OF ISLAM

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On May 5, 1958, the first source advised that Muhammad had, upon advice of legal counsel, tempered his personal statements and instructions to his ministers concerning the principles of his organization in order to avoid possible prosecution by the United States Government; however, he did not indicate any fundamental changes in the teachings of his organization.

On May 2, 1966, a third source advised that Muhammad had, early in July, 1958, decided to de-emphasize the religious aspects of the teachings of Islam and to stress the economic benefits to be derived by those Negroes who joined the NOI. This policy change, according to Muhammad, would help him acquire additional followers and create more interest in his programs.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Orleans, Louisiana

November 22, 1966

Title DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference REPORT OF SA [REDACTED] b7C
AT NEW ORLEANS, DATED AND CAPTIONED
AS ABOVE.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

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DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, I

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RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)

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The Bureau airtel to New Orleans dated 9/28/66, captioned "DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, I"; RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)," and Bufile to New Orleans dated 10/1/66, captioned as above.

The following informants familiar with racial matters in NYC were contacted during the month of November, 1966, for any information concerning the foreign travel of THOMAS during the summer of 1966 and any contact by THOMAS with RAM members since his return with negative results:

3-Bureau (RM)

(1-100-442684)

(1-157-2466)

3-New Orleans (RM)

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(1-100-16890) (RAM)

(1-157-5290) ()

1-New York (157-927) (RAM) 943

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: November 21, 1966

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FROM : LEGAT, MEXICO CITY

SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INCORPORATED

RM (ORGANIZATION)
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NY file 157-
WFO file 157-794
MC file 157-3 (RUC)

ERNEST THOMAS, aka
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CG file 157-840
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NY file 157-
WFO file 157-801
MC file 105-5538 (RUC)

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Enclosed are 28 copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

REFERENCES

Mexico City letter to Bureau dated 9/28/66,
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Chicago airtel to Bureau dated 7/19/66,
dual caption as above

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Sufficient copies of the letterhead memorandum are enclosed for possible dissemination to the Secret Service and Legat, Paris.

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SOURCES

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CHICAGO OFFICE (INFORMATION)

Information copies are being furnished to Chicago as it has conducted investigation in the past.

NEW ORLEANS OFFICE

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NEW YORK OFFICE (INFORMATION)

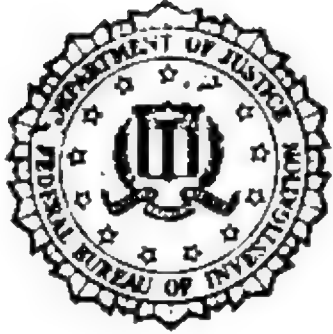
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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

Will review the file of ERNEST THOMAS, United States passport # [REDACTED], at the United States Passport Office to determine if he had received proper authority to travel to Cuba.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-1465)

SUBJECT: CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL FOR
BLACK POWER (CCBP)
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RACIAL MATTERSRe Chicago teletypes 11/18 - 19/66;
Chicago airtel and letterhead memorandum (LHM) 11/14/66.Enclosed for the Bureau are 15 copies of an
LHM concerning captioned matter. Copies are being
designated as indicated for Atlanta, New Orleans, and
New York for information.[REDACTED] b1
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Copies of this LHM are being provided to
the United States Attorney, Secret Service and the
military locally.

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 - (1 - 100-440855) (CORE)
 - (1 - 100-439190)
 - (1 - 157-2466) (DDJ)
- 1 - Atlanta (Enc. 1) (SNCC) (INFO) (RM) WISE
- 1 - New Orleans (Enc. 1) (DDJ) (INFO) (RM)
- 1 - New York (Enc. 1) (CORE) (INFO) (RM)
- 8 - Chicago
 - (1 - 157-413)
 - (1 - 100-41635) [REDACTED] b7C
 - (1 - 157-303) (ACT)
 - (1 - 100-40342) (SNCC)
 - (1 - 100-11324) (CORE)
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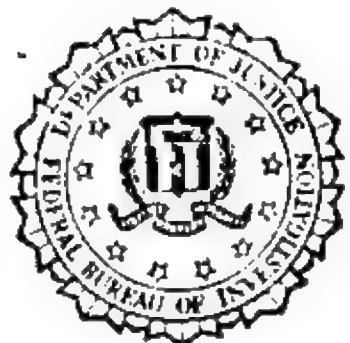
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Chicago will continue to follow and any pertinent information concerning captioned group and those organizations affiliated with it will be appropriately furnished.

The character of the enclosed is being carried as Racial Matters as it is deemed more appropriate to the nature of the information set forth.

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Chicago, Illinois
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CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL FOR
BLACK POWER (CCBP)
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum of
November 14, 1966, under the above caption.

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The CCBP, using the name Jewish Youth
Alliance (LYA) for this activity, has also distributed
leaflets on Chicago's West Side, calling for a
boycott alleging that this store, the Clark Super Food
Mart, is one of many which takes money from the Negro
Community with little or no return. The CCBP is
hopeful of reducing business at this store to the
point where it will be forced to close, thus concentrating
the economic power of the Negro to other white operated
businesses in Negro communities.

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Re: CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL FOR
BLACK POWER (CCBP)

In connection with the planned picketing
demonstration on November 18, 1966, [REDACTED]

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advised as follows:

Four Negro males appeared at the Clark
Super Mart at 5:45 p.m. on this date for picketing
and boycott purposes. The owner of the super mart,
[REDACTED] invited these individuals into
the store for inspection of the premises and a discussion
of prices, wages and purchasing practices. At 6:40
p.m., five more Negro pickets arrived, inspected the
store, engaged in discussion with the others there
and at 7:05 p.m. all left the area. The pickets
indicated that their future boycott plans were uncertain
and appeared impressed with the operation of the store.
They did not carry signs, were orderly, and actually
did not engage in a demonstration as such. There
were no arrests or incidents in connection with this
matter.

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The following listed individuals were
furnished pertinent portions of the above information
on November 18, 1966:

[REDACTED]
Secret Service, Chicago;

[REDACTED]
Region I, 113th MI Group,
Evanston, Illinois;

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Office of the United States Attorney,
Chicago.

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Re: CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL FOR
BLACK POWER (CCBP)

Further, in connection, with the planned demonstration of November 18, 1966, the following is set forth as provided by the above confidential source, on November 21, 1966:

The entire picketing demonstration to have been held on November 18, 1966, at the Clark Super Mart was characterized by disorganization and lack of preparation. Among those individuals who reportedly appeared for the demonstration were representatives of ACT, a militant civil rights organization active on Chicago's West Side, as well as an individual known to be the local Chicago leader of the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Incorporated, Chicago. ACT, along with the Student Non-Violent Co-ordinating Committee (SNCC) and the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) are the chief participants in the CCBP.

The manager of this business establishment, in conversation with those who had appeared for the demonstration, readily agreed to their demands, those demands made initially upon their arrival. The demands principally amounted to a minimum wage of \$2.00 for employees of the store and the utilization of Negro produce suppliers. When he agreed to these demands, those who had appeared for the demonstration were completely taken aback and were unable to supply him with the names of any Negro business firms with whom he should deal. The demonstrators retreated in apparent confusion and it is not anticipated that future demonstrations will be forthcoming here. Some subsequent discussion was overheard among ACT members that possibly they themselves might attempt to organize a produce dealership of their own to capitalize upon the fact that this individual and possibly others might very well prove agreeable to such demands made in the future.

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18 In connection with CCBP activities in general,
19 an article appeared in the November 18,
20 1966, issue of "Muhammad Speaks" self-identified as
21 a publication of Muhammad's Mosque Number Two, 1051
22 East 79th Street, Chicago, Illinois. The article was
23 set forth under the caption "Planned Boycott of Retail
24 Grocers Who Refuse to Buy From Black Wholesalers."
25 The article in general consisted of an interview with
26 Monroe Sharp, identified as the Chicago Chairman of
27 SNCC. It was stated that members of three Chicago
28 civil rights groups have formed a coalition to back
29 Negro produce distributors in an effort to acquire
30 exclusive sales in predominantly black communities.
31 Sharp was quoted as stating, "We're prepared to
32 lead stringent boycotts of any retail grocery
33 actually in Negro communities which refuse to purchase
34 from black distributors. It is time black people
35 started reaping the benefits of black-created economy.
36 We not only plan to move in the area of produce, but
37 eventually in insurance, dairy products, laundries,
38 liquor, motel and gas, electricity and every other
39 area where whites are taking money out of black
40 neighborhoods. Businesses without Negro competitors
41 will be urged to hire black salesmen, truck drivers,
42 collectors, office personnel, etc."
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44 The article identified those other civil
45 rights organizations involved in this coalition, with
46 SNCC, as CORE and ACT. Sharp stated that the success
47 of this venture should demolish the myth that black
48 people can not act together toward constructive ends.
49 He described this as one of the most constructive
50 moves black people have ever made, hoping that a
51 precedent will be established which would spread
52 throughout the country. Sharp described the main
53 problem of the Negro Community as economic, not so
54 much political or social. Sharp stated, "When we
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17 start channelizing our resources back into the black
18 community, money, jobs and ultimately real black power
19 will follow. From this will come political and social gains.
20 This could well be the turning point of the black
21 revolution and we are determined to put everything we have
22 into it."

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24 Copies of this memorandum are being provided to
25 Secret Service and the Office of the United States, both
26 Chicago, and to Region 1, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Ill.
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28 A characterization of the Deacons of Defense and
29 Justice, Inc., (DDJ), will be found in the attached appendix
30 pages. Also attached is a characterization of the Nation of
31 Islam, in which reference is made to Muhammad's Mosque
32 Number Two. The sources used in the latter characterization
33 have furnished reliable information in the past.
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APPENDIX

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.,
aka Deacons for Defense and Justice,
Inc.

The Articles of Incorporation of the Deacons of Defense and Justice (DDJ) as on file with the Secretary of State, for the State of Louisiana, reflects that the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Inc., is a Louisiana corporation domiciled at Jonesboro, Louisiana. The location and business office address of its registered office shall be Area Service Station (rear), Beach Spring Road, Drawer B, Jonesboro, Louisiana.

"This corporation is organized for the following purposes and to carry on the following purposes:

"To instruct, train, teach and educate Citizens of the United States and especially minority groups in the fundamental principles of the republican form of government and our democratic way of life; to instruct, teach, train and educate said persons in the provisions of the constitution and laws of the United States and the State of Louisiana, as well as the constitution and laws of any other state wherein this corporation may operate; to instruct, teach, train and educate said persons in the use, value, and purpose of the ballot and the right to vote; to instruct, teach, train and educate said persons as to the rights and responsibilities of good citizenship relative to the obligations and duties of the community to the citizen; to further instruct, teach, train and educate said persons in the value of national security and in the effective use of their spending power; to inspire in said persons a sense of responsibility and to develop leadership. This corporation has for its further purpose, and is dedicated to, the defense of the civil rights, property, rights and personal rights of said people and will defend said rights by any and all honorable and legal means to the end that justice may be obtained. This corporation may establish chapters and conduct its business at any place in this State and elsewhere as permitted by law."

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NATION OF ISLAM, Formerly referred
to as the Muslim Cult of Islam, also known
as Muhammad's Temples of Islam

In January, 1957, a source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD has described his organization on a nationwide basis as the "Nation of Islam" and "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

On April 29, 1966, a second source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI); Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the national headquarters of the NOI; and in mid-1960 MUHAMMAD and other NOI officials, when referring to MUHAMMAD's organization on a nationwide basis, commenced using either "Mosque" or "Temple" when mentioning one of "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

The NOI is an all-Negro organization which was originally organized in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. MUHAMMAD claims to have been selected by Allah, the Supreme Being, to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation in the United States. Members following MUHAMMAD's teachings and his interpretation of the "Koran" believe there is no such thing as a Negro; that the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "white devils," in the United States; and that the white race, because of its exploitation of the so-called Negroes, must and will be destroyed in the approaching "War of Armageddon."

In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including MUHAMMAD, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

On May 5, 1958, the first source advised MUHAMMAD had, upon advice of legal counsel, tempered his personal statements and instructions to his ministers concerning the principles of his organization in order to avoid possible prosecution by the United States government; however, he did not indicate any fundamental changes in the teachings of his organization.

On May 2, 1966, a third source advised MUHAMMAD had, early in July, 1958, decided to de-emphasize the religious aspects of the teachings of Islam and to stress the economic benefits to be derived by those Negroes who joined the NOI. This policy change, according to MUHAMMAD, would help him acquire additional followers and create more interest in his programs.

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Date: 12/1/66

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466).
 FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-372) (157-1324)
 SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.
 RM

NEGRO YOUTH DISTURBANCE,
 HARVEY, ILLINOIS
 8/4-5/66
 RM

Re Chicago airtel and LHM 8/10/66, captioned as
 above.

Referenced LHM reported that [REDACTED]

Liaison contacts with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] during
 the period 8/9/66 through 10/13/66, regarding stolen guns
 were unproductive.

On 12/1/66, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
 advised that investigation [REDACTED]
 has been unproductive. No information has been developed to
 establish the disposition of the guns or to prove or disprove
 that the DDJ obtained them. None of the guns have been
 recovered. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] said they would advise
 the Chicago Office in event any pertinent information comes to
 the attention of [REDACTED]

④ - Bureau (RM)
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(1 - 157-350) (POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE)
 (1 - 157-375) (RACE RIOTS)

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Approved: _____

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Chicago sources have furnished no information regarding the identity of the persons responsible or the disposition of the stolen guns. If any information is developed, the Bureau will be advised.

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Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-5624)

RE: ~~DEACONS FOR DEFENSE AND~~
JUSTICE, FERRIDAY, LOUISIANA
RM

Re New Orleans airtel to Bureau, 11/9/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of self-explanatory letterhead memorandum concerning captioned matter.

Copies of this LHM are being furnished to Secret Service, MIG, and NISO, New Orleans, as well as OSI, Barksdale AFB, La., and the USA, Shreveport, La.

3-Bureau (Encls. 11) (RM)

2-New Orleans ~~ONC/OSU/...~~JAP/lrs
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Orleans, Louisiana

December 2, 1966

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DEACONS FOR DEFENSE AND
JUSTICE, FERRIDAY, LOUISIANA

On November 28, 1966, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Ferriday, Louisiana, advised that he has heard of no
Deacons for Defense and Justice in the Negro community of
Ferriday area at this time.

He advised that [REDACTED] who was interested in
organizing such a group in the past, returned from [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Toledo, Ohio, within the past two weeks. He advised
[REDACTED] seemed to have lost all of his radical ideas while
in Ohio.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-3290)
SUBJECT: DEACONS FOR DEFENSE AND JUSTICE,
INC., aka.,
Deacons for Defense and Justice,
Inc.
RM

Re report of SA [REDACTED] 11/22/66.

It is requested that dissemination of referenced report be held in abeyance as New Orleans is submitting a supplemental report in this matter.

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Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge Sent _____ M Per _____

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Director, FBI (100-442684)(157-2466)

12/9/66

Legat, London (157-102) (P)

REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT (RAM)
IS - RAM

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC. (DDJ)
RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-4946)

DATE: DEC 6 1966

FROM : SAC, WFO (RUC)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] b7C
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Re Chicago airtel 9/13/66 captioned Deacons for Defense and Justice, Inc. - RM and [REDACTED] - RM. b7C
Rebulet 11/3/66 to Legat Hong Kong, cc WFO captioned Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM) - IS - RAM; Deacons of Defense and Justice, Inc. (DDJ) - RM (organization). Referenced communications requested that subject's passport file be reviewed at the Passport Office, United States Department of State (USDS).

Enclosed for the Bureau, Chicago, and New Orleans, are 14, 8, and 4 copies respectively of an LHM setting forth information contained in subject's passport file. This file was reviewed on 11/21/66, in the Passport Office, USDS, by SA [REDACTED] b7C

Copies of subject's passport photograph are being made and when received will be forwarded to Chicago and New Orleans by routing slip.

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(157-2466)

LEGAT, PARIS (157-9) (RUC)

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IS - RAM

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC. (DDJ)
RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)

Re Legat, London, letter to Bureau 12/9/66.

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In the event any information is received, the
Bureau will be advised.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO ()

SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND
JUSTICE, INCORPORATED
RM (ORGANIZATION)
(Chicago 157-572) (P)

[REDACTED] aka
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(Chicago 157-1273) (C)
(Chicago 100-35303)

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Enclosed to the Bureau is an original and ten copies
of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) regarding [REDACTED] a
reported member of the Deacons of Defense and Justice (DDJ).

The LHM is classified confidential because information
reported from [REDACTED] could reasonably result in the identification of confidential
informants of continuing value and compromise their future
effectiveness.

The confidential informants furnishing information
in the LHM are as follows:

1st Source (Former)

[REDACTED]

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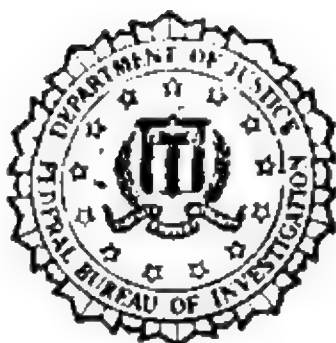
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One copy each of this LHM has been disseminated locally to Secret Service, Chicago, Illinois, and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

The files of the Chicago Division contain insufficient information to characterize the organization Protest at the Polls.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Chicago, Illinois

December 19, 1966

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DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND
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RACIAL MATTER
(ORGANIZATION)

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[REDACTED] reported that during
the period June 24 to 27, 1966, Ernest Thomas, Regional Vice-President
and Organizer of the Deacons of Defense and Justice (DDJ) was seen
with a civil rights march from Memphis, Tennessee, to Jackson,
Mississippi.

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Deacons of Defense and Justice (DDJ) is characterized
in the attached appendix pages.

I. BACKGROUND

[REDACTED] that
is believed to reside in the Hyde Park area of Chicago, Illinois. He
claims to be a public relations man. He talks big, "puffs" himself
up and is a name dropper and a "gasser."

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II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE
COMMUNIST PARTY (CP)

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Confidential sources, who have furnished reliable information in the past and who are familiar with some phases of CP and/or CP front group activity in the Chicago, Illinois, area, advised during October or November, 1966, that they knew of no subversive activity on the part of [REDACTED]. b7C

III. OTHER ACTIVITIES

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The African-American Heritage Association, formerly known as Afro-American Heritage Association, is characterized in the attached appendix pages. The sources characterizing this organization have furnished reliable information in the past.

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On May 14, 1965, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that the organization ACT would sponsor a parade and rally on May 15, 1965, in support of Lucy Jean Lewis, a Negro female who was running for Alderman in Chicago against a white candidate. The parade was to begin at 6:30 p.m. on May 15, and was to end with a rally at Garfield Park, Homan and Madison, Chicago, Illinois.

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[REDACTED] advised the Chicago Office of the FBI on May 15, 1965, that approximately 250 persons associated with ACT and other civil rights organizations participated in the above parade.

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[REDACTED]

It is publicly known that the organization ACT is a militant civil rights organization in the Chicago, Illinois, area.

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[REDACTED] that a (c) constitutional conference of the organization known as Protest at the Polls, Post Office Box 6133, Chicago, Illinois, was held on November 9, 1963, at the Metropolitan Community Church, 41st Street and South Parkway.

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It was announced that the meeting was held to adopt a constitution and to elect officers. It was indicated the organization was being formed for the sole purpose of soliciting candidates for public office who are sympathetic to the cause of the Negroes and to organize the voters to support and elect these candidates. b7c

[REDACTED] that a new (c) b1
Negro political action group known as Protest at the Polls held its constitutional meeting on November 9, 1963, at the Metropolitan Community Church, 4100 South Park. b7c

[REDACTED] SHOULD BE CONSIDERED POSSIBLY ARMED AND DANGEROUS AS HE WAS REPORTED TO BE ARMED b7c

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APPENDIX

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DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE,
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DEACONS FOR DEFENSE AND JUSTICE,
INCORPORATED

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APPENDIX

Re: BEACONS OF DEFENSE AND
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AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

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Formerly known as Afro-American
Heritage Association

A source advised on May 11, 1966, that the African American Heritage Association (AAHA) with headquarters at 106 East 43rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, was known as the Afro-American Heritage Association until February, 1961. It was founded by ISHMAEL FLORY around 1958 and incorporated in the State of Illinois as a non-profit organization. It was founded ostensibly for the purpose of teaching African history and culture to American Negroes. AAHA is strongly influenced by the Communist Party (CP) of Illinois. It is represented by both communist and non-communist members, and some persons with strong Negro nationalistic tendencies. This organization follows CP policy on some issues and opposes CP policy on others; for example, the CP rejects the concept of Afro-American as a reference term to the American Negro and rejects aspects of nationalism, both of which are reflected in the AAHA program. FLORY is a member of the CP of Illinois and theoretically under the discipline of the CP. He is the guiding force in AAHA and controls policy and decisions in AAHA.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, Chairman, CP of Illinois, is a friend of ISHMAEL FLORY. LIGHTFOOT and other CP representatives occasionally are featured at AAHA affairs.

A second source advised on May 11, 1966, that in 1962 the CP worked with FLORY to organize AAHA Chapters under the leadership of CP members. The aim of this program included the reactivation of ex-CP members and recruitment of new CP members. This program was never successful and became defunct in 1963.

Since 1963, the South Side area of the CP of Illinois has been regularly holding CP meetings at AAHA headquarters. Many South Side CP members currently are members of AAHA and participate in AAHA affairs. The South Side CP groups cooperate in some AAHA affairs, especially in affairs dealing with the Negro rights movement.

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REASON - FCIM 11, 1-2.4.2 1,2

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] b7C

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Re: New York airtel to Bureau, 9/27/66.
 Bureau letter to New Orleans, 10/12/66.
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 WFO letter to Bureau, 12/6/66.
 New Orleans airtel to Bureau, 10/11/66,
 captioned "[REDACTED]" b7C

[REDACTED] OFFICERS OF JACKSON PARISH
 SHERIFF'S OFFICE, JONESBORO, LOUISIANA;
 [REDACTED] ATTORNEY, JONESBORO, LOUISIANA;
 [REDACTED] - VICTIM

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 suitable for dissemination. Two copies of instant LHM
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(2: 157-1696)

(1: 157-1542)

2 - Seattle (157-[REDACTED])

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LEADS:

CHICAGO DIVISION:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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2. Will ascertain if the leaders of any known black power or communist organizations in that area traveled to Europe in the latter part of August and September, 1966.

DETROIT DIVISION:

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN:

Will cover the same leads as set out for Chicago.

HONOLULU DIVISION

AT HONOLULU, HAWAII

1. Will attempt to locate Whirley World Construction Company, West Coast Division, Overseas Construction, and determine if the subject is employed by such a company.

2. If located; will discretely determine if THOMAS employed abroad and the extent of his travel while so employed

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NEW YORK DIVISION:

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK:

Will cover the same leads as set out for Chicago.

SEATTLE DIVISION

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Will attempt to locate the Whirly Whirl Construction Company through logical sources and, if located, conduct the same investigation as set out for Honolulu.

NEW ORLEANS DIVISION:

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Will maintain contact confidential sources in an effort to further determine the extent of THOMAS' travels.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Orleans, Louisiana
December 23, 1966

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DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND
JUSTICE, INCORPORATED

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A characterization of the DDJ is attached hereto.

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[REDACTED] advised that Earnest Thomas is not a representative of the National Organization of the DDJ and his title as Northern Regional Vice-President is self-appointed. He stated the National Organization does not sponsor any activity outside of the State of Louisiana unless protection might be requested in an area where racial tension was high and civil rights marchers and demonstrators were in need of assistance from the Louisiana organization of the DDJ. He advised the travels of Thomas in Chicago, Detroit and New York and other localities outside of the State of Louisiana are not made known to the local officers of the organization and no funds are received from Thomas as a result of his formation of new chapters.

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DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.

On June 16, 1966, a confidential source advised that The Deacons of Defense and Justice (DDJ) is an organization set up in Jonesboro, Louisiana, during late 1964. It was incorporated in the State of Louisiana in March of 1965. The purpose of the organization was to provide protection for the Negro people of Jonesboro, and particularly those people participating in civil rights activities in Jonesboro. The original idea for forming this organization was developed when it was believed that some of the members of the Jonesboro police force were members of the Klan in that area and it was felt that these police officers could not be relied upon to provide the necessary protection for the Negro citizens of the community. At that time the DDJ was formed and incorporated.

The DDJ is incorporated in the State of Louisiana only, and had not filed papers to do business in any other state.

Ernest Thomas has been traveling around the United States calling himself the Regional Vice President and Northern Director of the DDJ. He has claimed to have set up DDJ chapters in several cities in the United States and has supposedly set these chapters up on a militant basis. These efforts on the part of Ernest Thomas are reportedly entirely on his own and are not supported or condoned by the DDJ of Jonesboro. It is believed that Ernest Thomas has adopted his title because of his former position in the DDJ in Jonesboro, but that all of his activities are strictly on his own behalf. The DDJ headquarters in Jonesboro has reportedly never received any requests for charters from anywhere outside of the State of Louisiana and they could not issue charters outside of the state if they were so requested.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

DATE:

12/1/66

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (157-490)(P)

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SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC., aka.
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: New Orleans)

Re Cincinnati teletype to Bureau, New Orleans and
Cleveland dated 11/16/66, Cleveland teletype to Bureau and
Cincinnati dated 11/18/66 and report of SA [REDACTED]
at New Orleans dated 11/22/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of a
for Cincinnati and New Orleans two (2) copies of a
Memorandum, the contents of which are classified "Confidential"
pertain to the statements made by [REDACTED] in
in referenced Cincinnati teletype of November 16, 1966.

For the information of the Bureau, Cincinnati
and New Orleans, the Cleveland Office is conducting an investigation
regarding the activities of a black nationalist organization
active at Cleveland, Ohio, as reported in the Cincinnati
"United Black Brotherhood, Eastern Division" (see [REDACTED]
Cleveland file #157-810).

As set forth in communication to the Bureau in this case, individual [REDACTED]
organization during the past month [REDACTED]

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AGENCY: ACSI, ONI, OSI, SEC. SER.;
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The Cuyahoga County Draft Board, Cleveland, Ohio, and the Armed Forces Induction Center, and have carried signs and posters and literature containing pictures of Uncle Sam stating, "Uncle Sam wants you Nigger" and statements opposing the war in Viet Nam and aimed at Negroes. AUSTIN, on his visit to Cleveland, has been in contact with individuals who are known to belong to the United Black Brotherhood (UBB).

Information furnished by Cleveland informants regarding the activities and speeches of AUSTIN while at Cleveland, Ohio, during October, 1966, were furnished to New Orleans and have been recorded by New Orleans in referenced New Orleans report.

Although there is no evidence to date that the Deacons as such are active in the Cleveland area, it is noted that members of the UBB have the same philosophy and goals as HENRY AUSTIN.

Information contained in the [redacted] that in the past, [redacted]

The Cleveland Office at the present time has to be circumspect and be discreet in interviewing individuals connected with the UBB [redacted]

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The Cuyahoga County Grand Jury indicted [redacted] on November 15, 1966, against eight individuals for violations of local laws committed during the summer of 1966. All but two of these individuals were subsequently indicted by the Cleveland Police Department and [redacted] being requested by the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor against the two missing individuals.

The present picketing by the UBB is interpreted [redacted] as a reprisal for the [redacted] indictments. He also stated that this activity proceeded that the Negroes should correlate and support the anti-Viet Nam war campaign.

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Cleveland, Ohio
December 30, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-490

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DEACONS OF DEFENSE
JUSTICE, INC.

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On November 18, 1966, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that HENRY AUSTIN, a member of captioned organization, had made several public appearances in Cleveland, Ohio during the past few weeks, however, he failed to attract much publicity. [REDACTED] stated that AUSTIN could not have been active at the J.F.K. House in Cleveland, Ohio before arriving in Dayton, Ohio, just prior to November 18, 1966, as the J.F.K. House had been closed for three months. He further advised that AUSTIN has never been known [REDACTED] to be active at the J.F.K. House, which he described as a privately-owned and operated neighborhood community center which was first opened during the Fall of 1964 and is considered by [REDACTED] to be a center of black nationalism.

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[REDACTED] also stated that the captioned organization is not active at Cleveland, Ohio. He informed that individuals with black nationalist affiliations are known [REDACTED] to have purchased rifles from stores in the Cleveland, Ohio area in the past.

On December 22, 1966, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that the captioned organization is not active in the Cleveland, Ohio area.

[REDACTED] that the captioned organization is not in existence in Cleveland, Ohio.

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RE: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.

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[REDACTED] and is familiar with black nationalist activities, furnished the same information.

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MEMO, New Orleans (100-13890) (157-3229)

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Director, FBI (100-442684) (157-2406)

REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT (RAM)
INTERNAL SECURITY - RAM

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC. (DDJ)
RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)

Re: Airtel captioned "██████████, Bu," dated 12/23/66; Bulet 10/12/66; and Bu C-7 dated 1/8/67. b7C

For your information there appears to be no reason for submission of referenced airtel and its enclosed letterhead memoranda under individual caption as done. Your communication contains no reference to recommendations for inclusion on the Security Index which would be the basis for submission under individual caption. In addition, all previous investigation in this matter has been conducted under the caption as above set forth. In view of the widespread dissemination of the results of our investigations at the Bureau, use of different titles may cause needless confusion to the recipient agencies.

12-11-57

3 - Chicago
3 - New York

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Letter to New Orleans

Re: REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT;
DRAGONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-1466)

SUBJECT: COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR
BLACK POWER (CCBP)
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REASON: FCIM 11, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW 1-6-87

Re Chicago airtel and LHM dated 11/22/66, captioned
as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 15 copies of a LHM
concerning captioned matter. Copies are being designated
as indicated to interested offices for information.

Chicago is closely following the activities of
this group and individuals associated with it. Any subsequent
pertinent information will be provided the Bureau and any
interested offices. In individual cases where subjects are known

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- 10- Chicago

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to be in possession of firearms, LHM's are being provided to the Bureau and Secret Service locally, under the individual case captions.

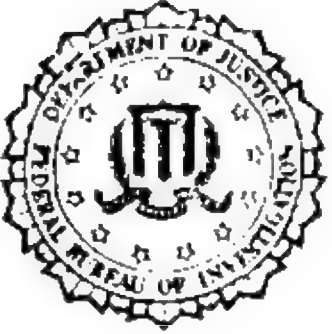
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All are generally familiar with the activities of this group and the individuals associated with it.

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Liaison is maintained with [redacted] to insure that the Chicago Office is in possession of pertinent data which may be developed independently by them.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR
BLACK POWER (CCBP)
RACIAL MATTER

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Reference is made to Chicago memorandum dated
November 22, 1966, under the above caption.

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Meetings have continued to be held in Chicago, on a periodic basis, of those individuals associated with various local militantly oriented civil rights organizations, under a loosely organized "black power" grouping. The term CCBP has come to be used to designate this group, although no formal organization as such has come into being utilizing this title. The CCBP is not a membership type organization, but is basically composed of individuals of like thinking in relation to the "black power" movement. Groups which are principally involved include ACT, a local civil rights group, the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Inc. (DDJ), the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), as well as several individuals who are known to have been connected with the West Side W. E. B. Du Bois Club in Chicago.

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CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE FOR
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(Characterizations of the DDJ and the W.E.B. Du Bois Club of Chicago will be found on the attached appendix pages. All sources referred to have furnished reliable information in the past.)

Most prominent among the leadership of the CCBP, as individuals, are Lawrence Landry, ACT Chairman; Frederick Douglas Andrews, Chairman, West Side Branch of ACT; Monroe Sharp, SNCC Chairman, and Eugene "Fats" Crawford, self-proclaimed leader of the Chicago DDJ.

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These sources have advised of no immediate plans
for picketing or demonstrating by the CCBP in the near
future.

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BLACK POWER (CCBP)

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the following:

United States Attorney's Office
Chicago, Illinois

U.S. Secret Service
Chicago, Illinois

Region I, 113th MI Group
Evanston, Illinois

INDIVIDUALS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CCBP SHOULD BE
CONSIDERED POSSIBLY ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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APPENDIX

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14 DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.,
15 aka Deacons for Defense and Justice,
16 Inc.

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19 The Articles of Incorporation of the Deacons of
20 Defense and Justice (DDJ) as on file with the Secretary of
21 State, for the State of Louisiana, reflects that the Deacons
22 of Defense and Justice, Inc., is a Louisiana corporation
23 domiciled at Jonesboro, Louisiana. The location and business
24 office address of its registered office shall be Amos Service
25 Station (rear), Beach Spring Road, Drawer B., Jonesboro,
26 Louisiana.

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28 "This corporation is organized for the following pur-
29 poses and to carry on the following purposes:

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31 "To instruct, train, teach and educate Citizens of
32 the United States and especially minority groups in the funda-
33 mental principles of the republican form of government and our
34 democratic way of life; to instruct, teach, train and educate
35 said persons in the provisions of the constitution and laws of
36 the United States and the State of Louisiana, as well as the
37 constitution and laws of any other state wherein this corporation
38 may operate; to instruct, teach train and educate said persons
39 in the use, value, and purpose of the ballot and the right to vote;
40 to instruct, teach, train and educate said persons as to the duties
41 and responsibilities of good citizenship relative to the obligation
42 and duties of the community to the citizen; to further instruct,
43 teach, train and educate said persons in the value of economic
44 security and in the effective use of their spending power; to
45 inspire in said persons a sense of responsibility and to develop
46 leadership. This corporation has for its further purpose, and
47 is dedicated to, the defense of the civil rights, property rights
48 and personal rights of said people and will defend said rights
49 by any and all honorable and legal means to the end that justice
50 may be obtained. This corporation may establish chapters and
51 conduct its business at any place in this State and elsewhere as
52 permitted by law."

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS
OF CHICAGO (DCC)

On May 3, 1965, a source advised that on June 30, 1964, a group of young people who attended the founding convention of the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA), met in Chicago and adopted a statement of purpose and constitution forming the DCC as an affiliate of the national DCA.

This source further advised that at a meeting of the Chicago Area of the Midwest Region of the DCA held April 3, 1965, the boundary of the Chicago Area was established to include all of Illinois north of Springfield, Illinois, and all of Indiana. At this meeting, TED PEARSON was elected Area Coordinator.

A second source advised on May 9, 1966, that as of May, 1966, TED PEARSON, Chairman of the Youth Club of the Communist Party (CP) of Illinois, continued to be the Chicago Area Coordinator of the DCA, and the official headquarters is located at the PEARSON apartment, 1808 North Cleveland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

The second source advised that there are currently two clubs operating in the Chicago Area, one on the west side and the other on the near north side. The west side club operates a club house known as the West Side Freedom Center at 2906 West Madison Street which is open seven days a week to the teen-agers on the west side.

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TITLE OF CASE DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC., aka.		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7C	CHARACTER OF CASE RM

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 11/22/66 at New Orleans.

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The sources mentioned as being familiar with various aspects of racial matters within the Greater Boston area and as having been contacted in December, 1966, are as follows:

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[REDACTED] that as far as he could determine no publicity had been given to SIMS' visit such as distribution of flyers.

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The Socialist Workers Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Sources familiar with various aspects of racial matters in the Greater Boston area, who were contacted in December, 1966, advised that the Deacons of Defense and Justice are not believed to have a chapter in the Greater Boston area at this time.

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DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.

On June 16, 1966, a confidential source advised that The Deacons of Defense and Justice (DDJ) is an organization set up in Jonesboro, Louisiana, during late 1964. It was incorporated in the State of Louisiana in March of 1965. The purpose of the organization was to provide protection for the Negro people of Jonesboro, and particularly those people participating in civil rights activities in Jonesboro. The original idea for forming this organization was developed when it was believed that some of the members of the Jonesboro police force were members of the Klan in that area and it was felt that these police officers could not be relied upon to provide the necessary protection for the Negro citizens of the community. At that time the DDJ was formed and incorporated.

The DDJ is incorporated in the State of Louisiana only, and had not filed papers to do business in any other state.

ERNEST THOMAS has been traveling around the United States calling himself the Regional Vice-President and Northern Director of the DDJ. He has claimed to have set up DDJ chapters in several cities in the United States and has supposedly set these chapters up on a militant basis. These efforts on the part of ERNEST THOMAS are reportedly entirely on his own and are not supported or condoned by the DDJ of Jonesboro. It is believed that ERNEST THOMAS has adopted his title because of his former position in the DDJ in Jonesboro, but that all of his activities are strictly on his own behalf. The DDJ headquarters in Jonesboro has reportedly never received any requests for charters from anywhere outside of the State of Louisiana and they could not issue charters outside of the state if they were so requested.

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APPENDIX

SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

A source advised on March 13, 1961, that the Socialist Workers Party, Boston, Massachusetts, was formed in the latter part of the 1940's. This source stated that as of July, 1958, this group was the Boston local of the Socialist Workers Party.

A second source stated that as of May 21, 1965, the Socialist Workers Party, Boston, Massachusetts, is the local affiliate of and follows the aims and purposes of the national Socialist Workers Party.

The Socialist Workers Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.



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Reference Report of SA [REDACTED] dated [REDACTED] and captioned as above. b7C

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.